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Dear Dr. Hollaender:

I regret to have to write you that I will probably have to withdraw from the proposed volume on radiobiology, in which you had kindly asked me to participate, with a chapter on ultraviolet effects on bacteria. I shall be leaving for the summer in about six weeks, and I have too much else to do in that time to be able to think about the chapter. I hope that you can find a suitable alternative author, or that the organization of the volume can be appropriately shifted. In any event, please accept my apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause, but I can see no way to meet the obligation by the deadline.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.